

Charged Current Deep Inelastic scattering at three loops

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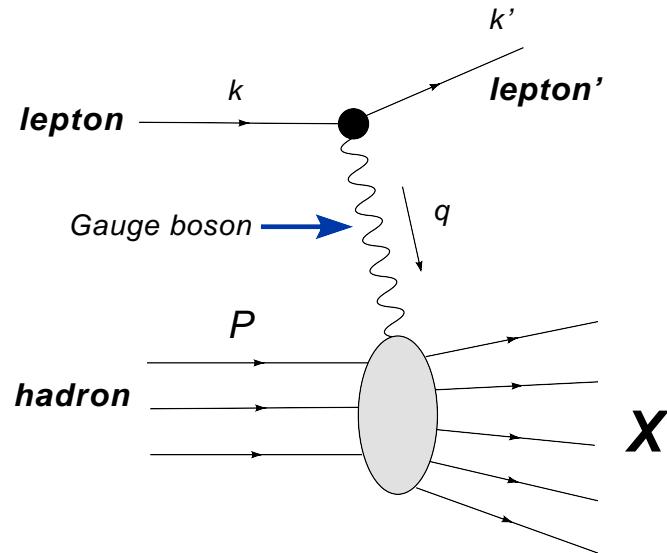
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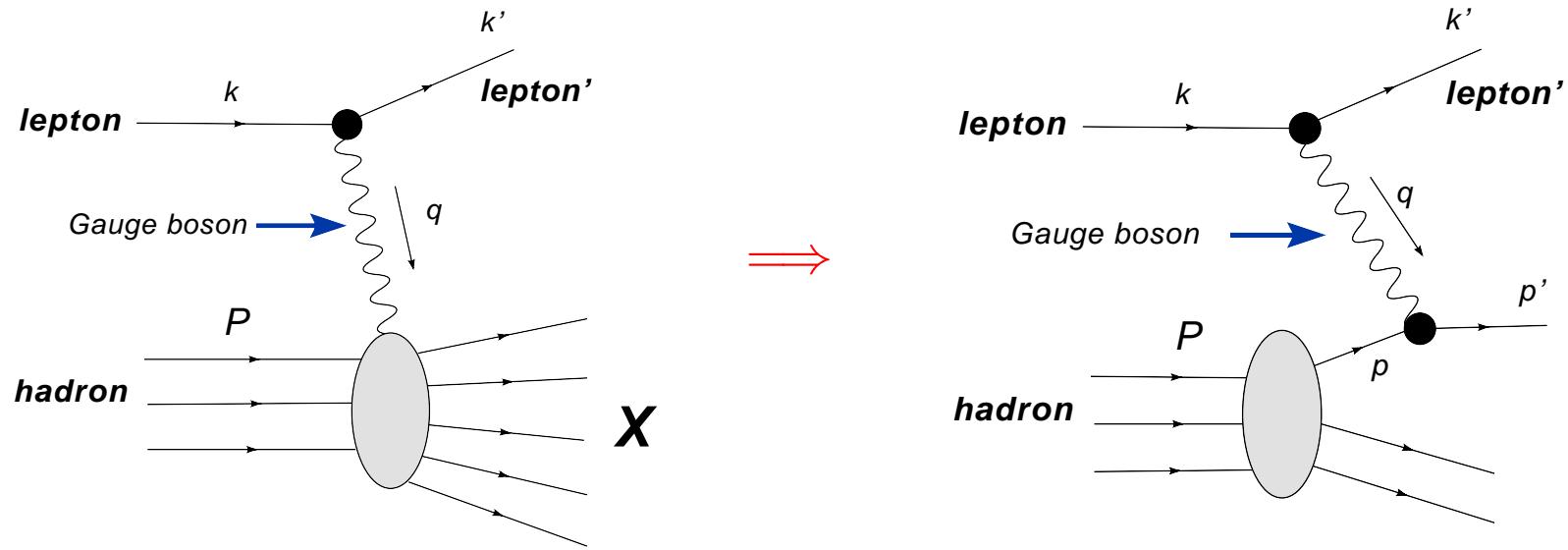
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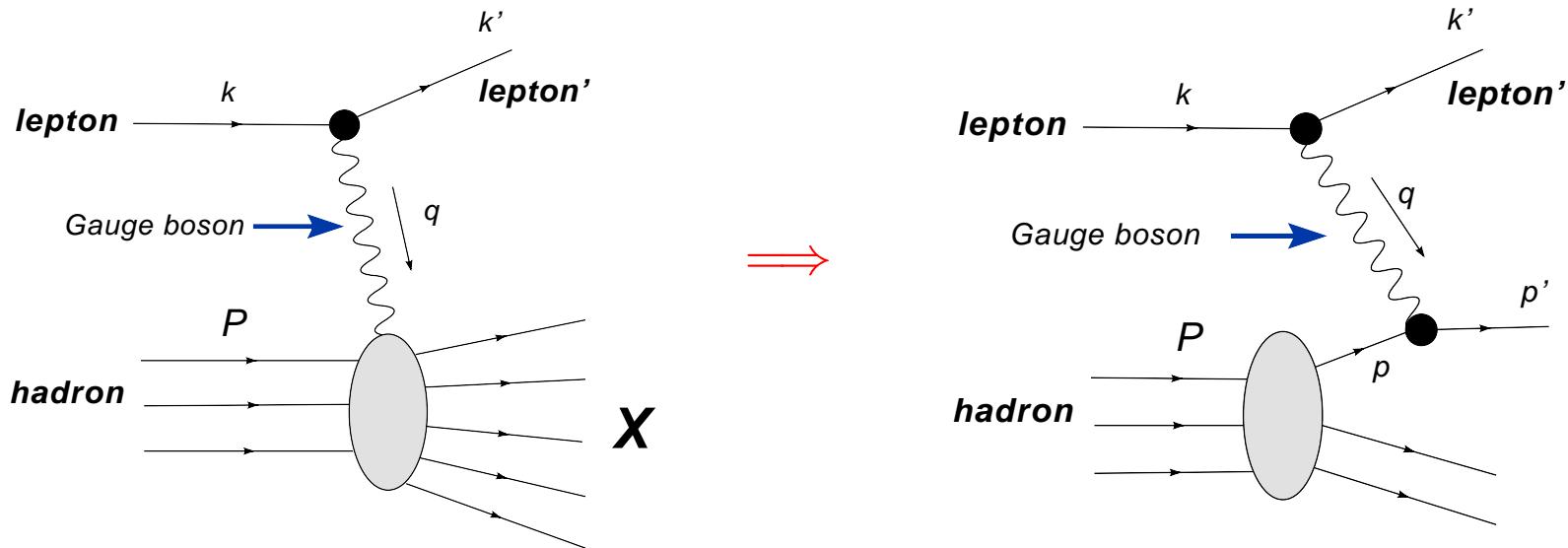
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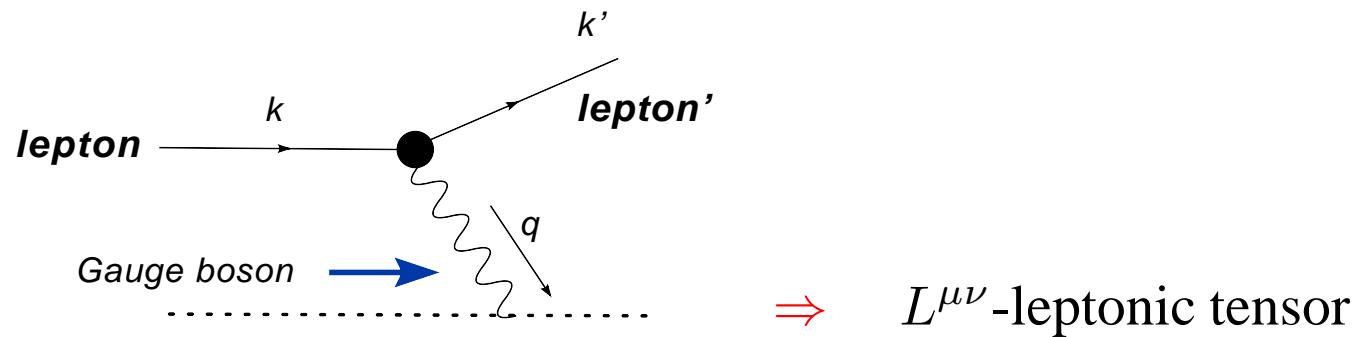
γ , Z^0 - NC
 W^\pm - CC

Kinematic variables

- momentum transfer $Q^2 = -q^2 > 0$
- Bjorken variable $x = Q^2/(2P \cdot q)$
- Inelasticity $y = (P \cdot q)/(P \cdot k)$

Leptonic tensor

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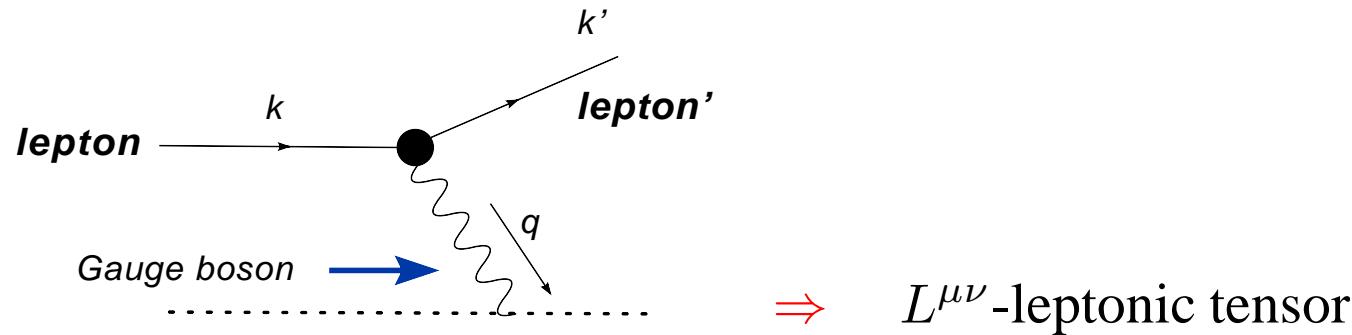


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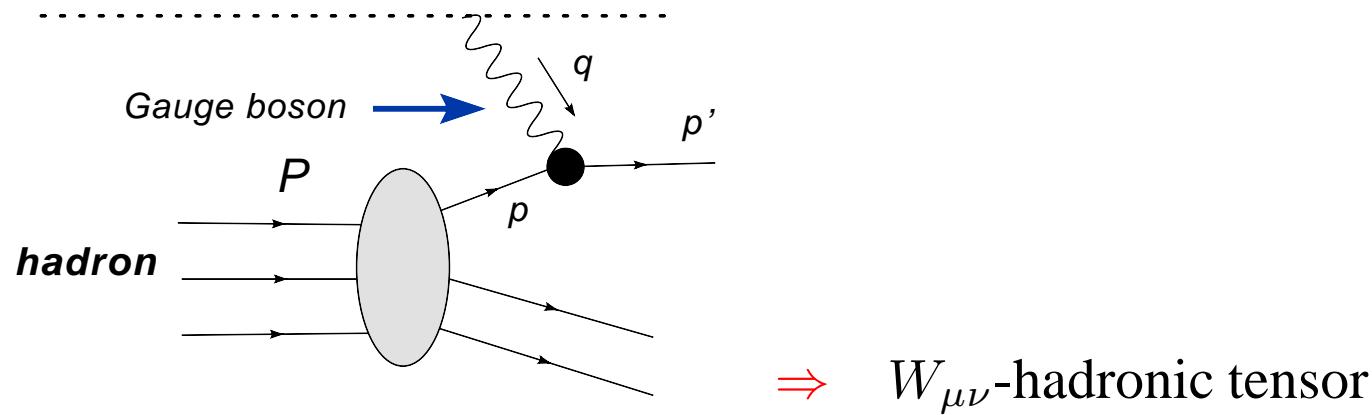
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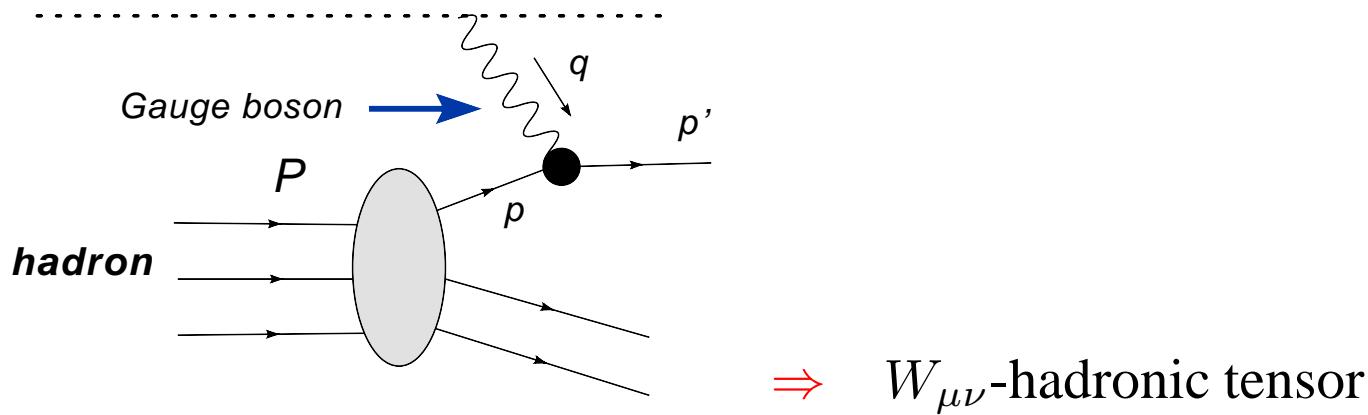
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- Coefficients $\textcolor{red}{A}$ and $\textcolor{blue}{B}$ are real and depend on the process.
- $\textcolor{blue}{B} \neq 0$ for NC with Z^0 , CC or polarized processes (e.g., e^\pm at HERA)

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$$W_{\mu\nu} = e_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{2x} F_L(x, Q^2) + d_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{2x} F_2(x, Q^2) + i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{P^\alpha q^\beta}{P \cdot q} F_3(x, Q^2)$$

- $e_{\mu\nu}, d_{\mu\nu}$ - tensors, depend on P, q . symmetric under $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$

Structure functions

$$\begin{aligned} F_{2,L,3}(x, Q^2) &= \sum_{p \text{ (partons)}} e_p^2 \int_x^1 dz \hat{f}_p \left(\frac{x}{z} \right) \hat{F}_{2,L,3}^p(z, Q^2) \\ &\equiv \sum_p e_p^2 \hat{f}_p(y) \otimes \hat{F}_{2,L,3}^p(z, Q^2), \quad z = Q^2 / (2p \cdot q) \end{aligned}$$

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- Naive Parton Model: partons (quarks) are non-interacting point particles
 - e.g. pure electromagnetism

$$\hat{F}_2^p(z, Q^2) = \delta(1 - z) \Rightarrow F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_p e_p^2 \hat{f}_p(x)$$

● Neutral Current $e^\pm p$ cross section

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{NC}(e^\pm p)}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} [(1 + (1 - y)^2)\textcolor{red}{F}_2 - y^2\textcolor{red}{F}_L \mp (1 - (1 - y)^2)x\textcolor{red}{F}_3]$$

$$\textcolor{red}{F}_2 = \sum_q A_q x(q + \bar{q}) \quad \text{with} \quad A_q = e_{q^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_Z^2}\right)$$

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● Charged Current $e^\pm p$ cross section \longrightarrow flavour separation:



$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{CC}(e^+ p)}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} \left(\frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2}\right)^2 [\bar{u} + \bar{c} + (1 - y)^2(\textcolor{blue}{d} + s)]$$



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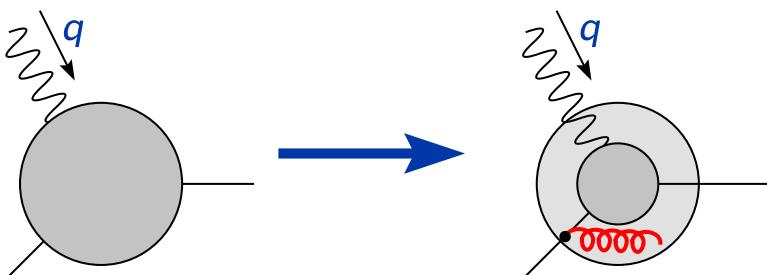
- $C_{2,p}$ - Wilson coefficients, calculable in perturbative QCD
- PDF_p - Parton Distribution Functions
 - NOT calculable in p.QCD.
 - Extracted from data [HERA, Tevatron, fixed target exp.]
 - Evolution of PDF's is calculable in p.QCD from evolution equation

$$\frac{d}{d \ln Q^2} PDF_{p_1} = [P_{p_1 p_2}(\alpha_s(Q^2)) \otimes PDF_{p_2}(\alpha_s(Q^2), Q^2)] (x)$$

- $P_{p_1 p_2}$ - Splitting functions, calculable in p.QCD



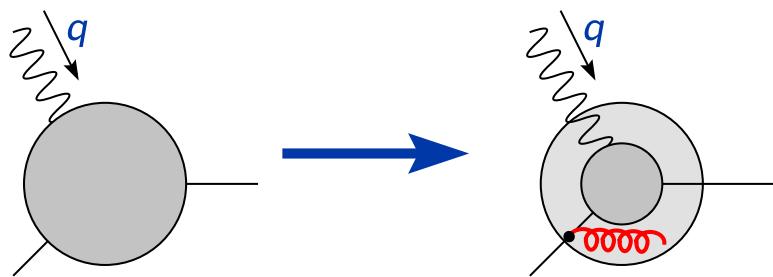
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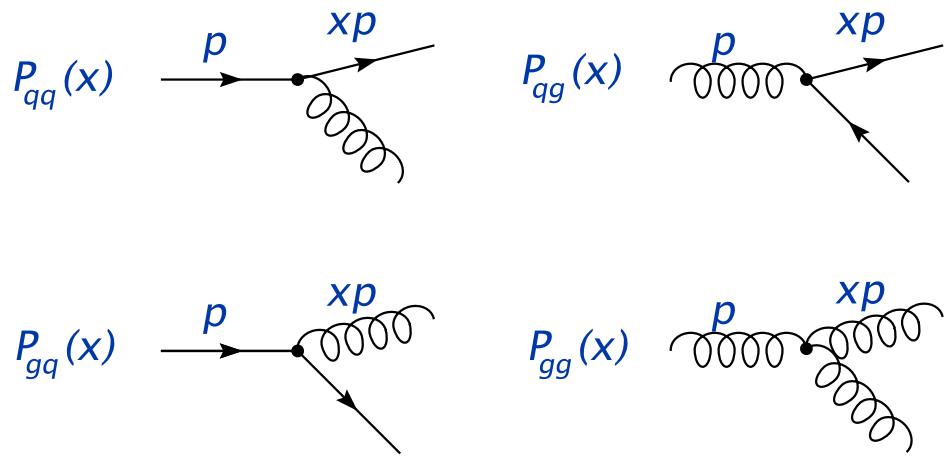
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● Feynman diagrams at leading order

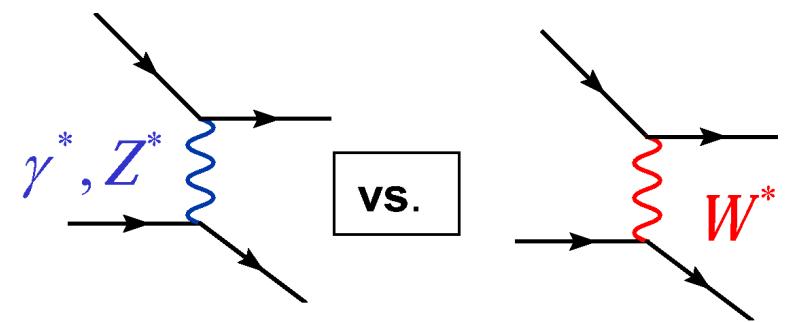
● DGLAP:

- can be solved, if PDFs are given at input scale Q_0 as function of x

$$\frac{Q^2}{\partial Q^2} \begin{bmatrix} q \\ g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{qq} & P_{qg} \\ P_{gq} & P_{gg} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} q \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

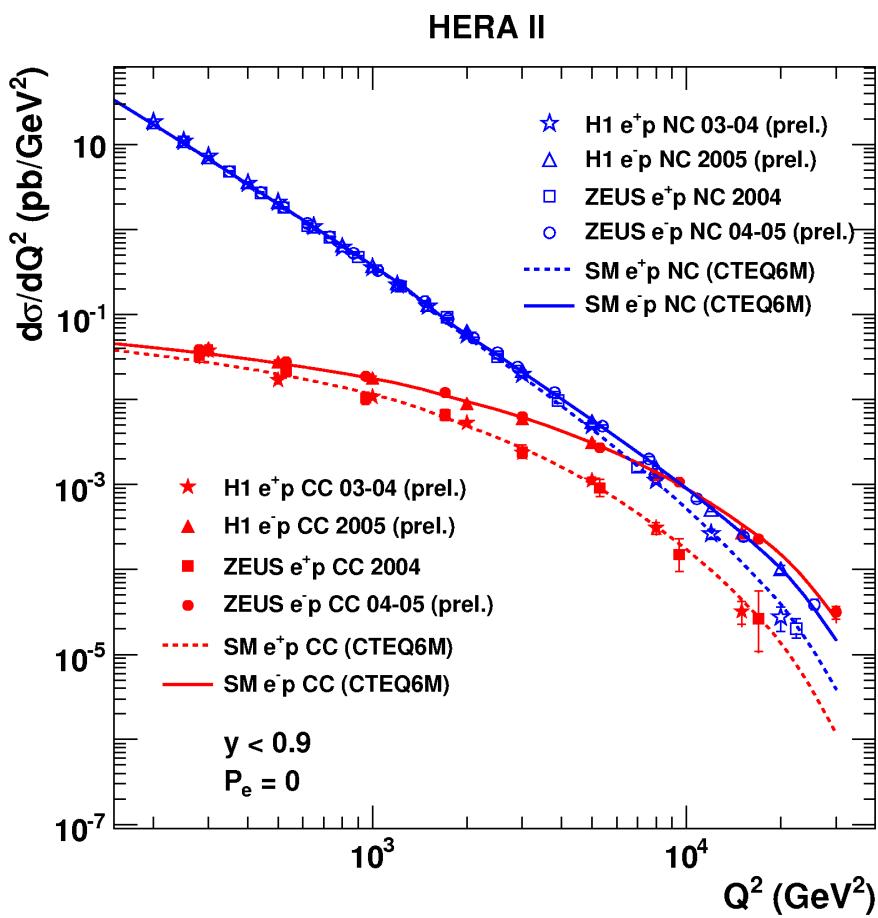
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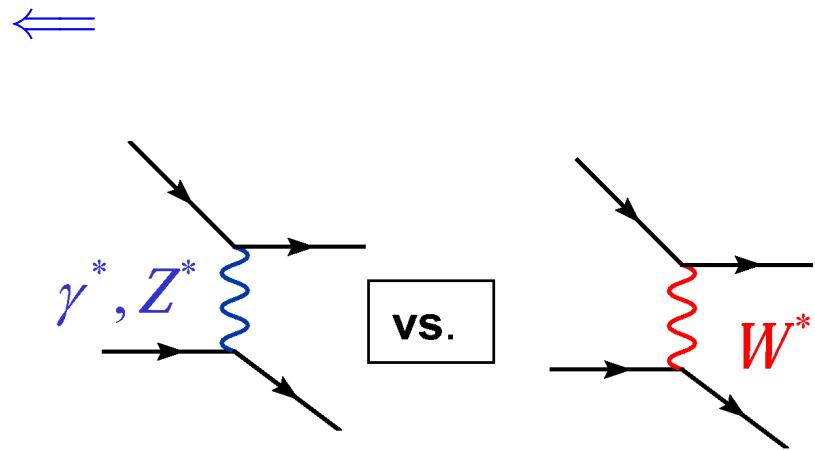


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Charged and neutral deep inelastic scattering cross sections become comparable when Q^2 reaches the electroweak scale



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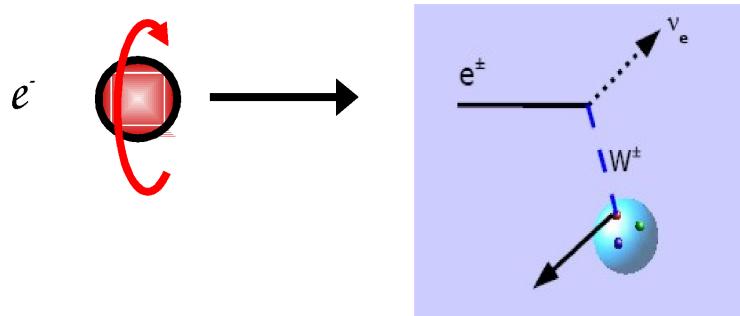
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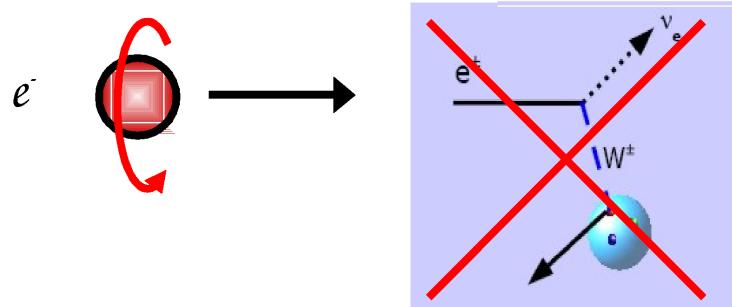
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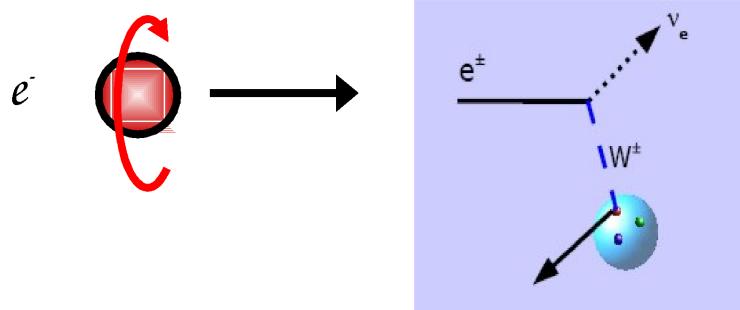
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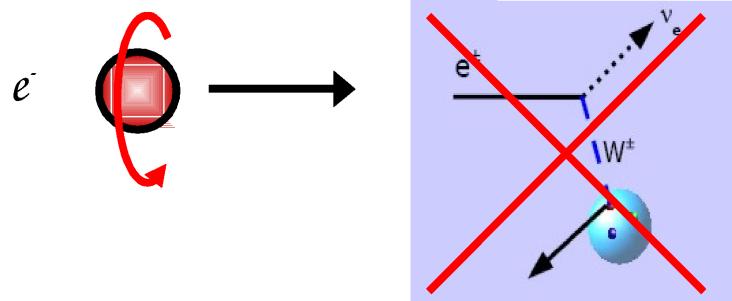
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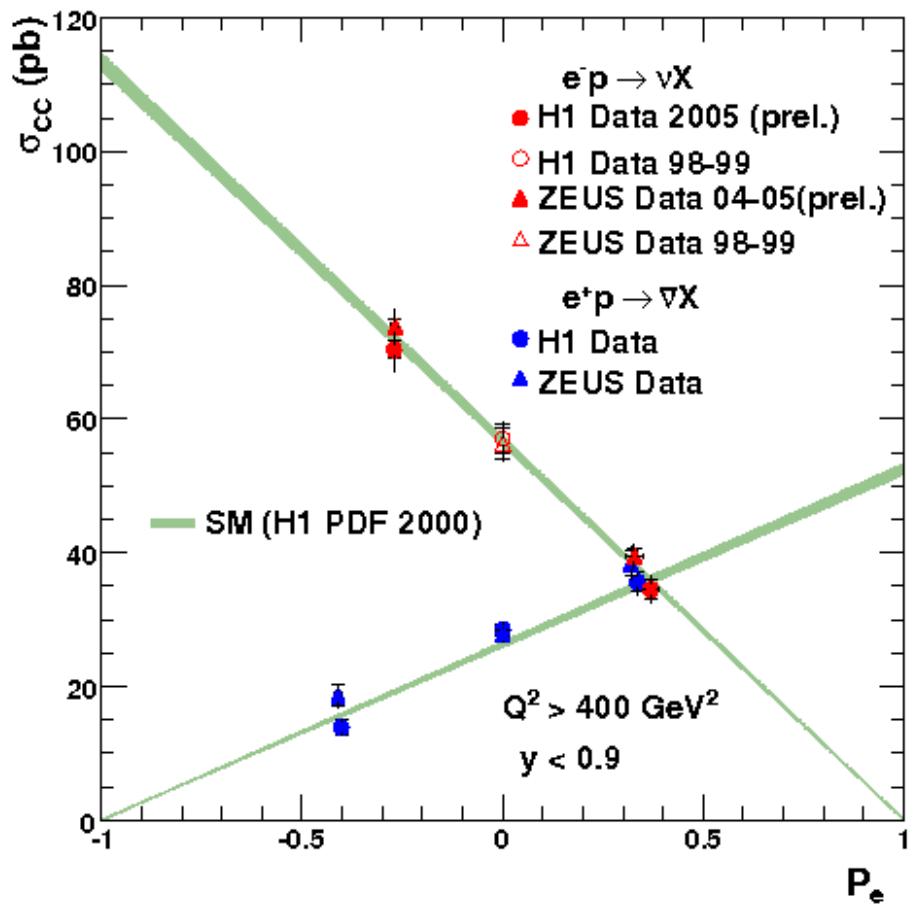
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Charged Current $e^\pm p$ Scattering



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- QCD corrections to *the Paschos-Wolfenstein relation*

Use second moments of PDFs $q^- = \int dx x(q - \bar{q})$ and expansion in isoscalar combination $u^- + d^-$

Davidson, Forte, Gambino, Rius, Strumia hep-ph/0112302

Dobrescu, Ellis hep-ph/0310154

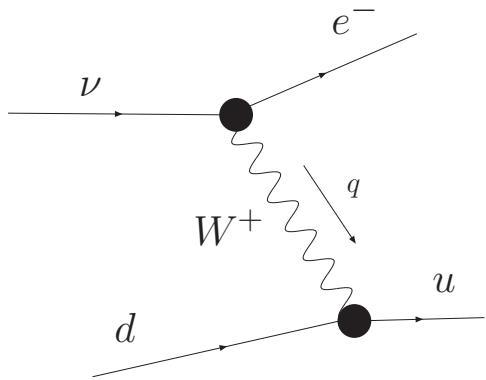
$$R^- = \frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_W + \left[1 - \frac{7}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W + \frac{8\alpha_s}{9\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \right] \times \\ \left(\frac{u^- - d^-}{u^- + d^-} - \frac{s^-}{u^- + d^-} + \frac{c^-}{u^- + d^-} \right)$$

- Main uncertainties in s^- : e.g. fit of MRST

Martin, Roberts, Stirling, Thorne hep-ph/0411040

Calculations of the third order QCD corrections

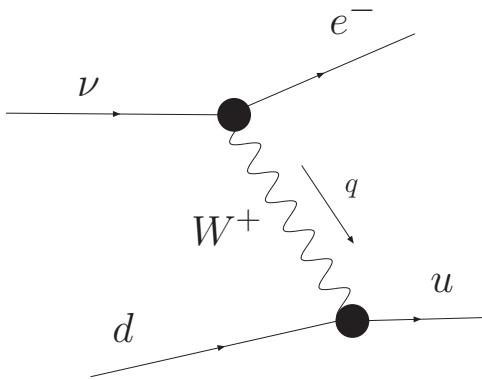
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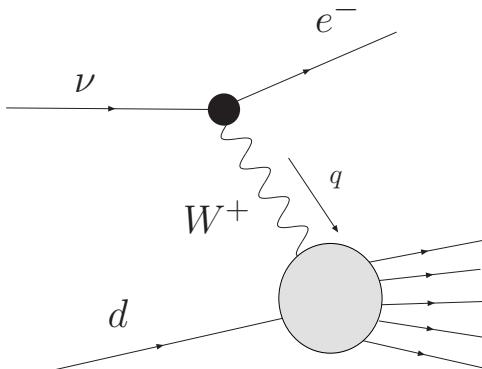
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- ▲ One has to take into account all possible final states up to fixed order in α_s (including virtual corrections)
 - Our calculations: up to α_s^3

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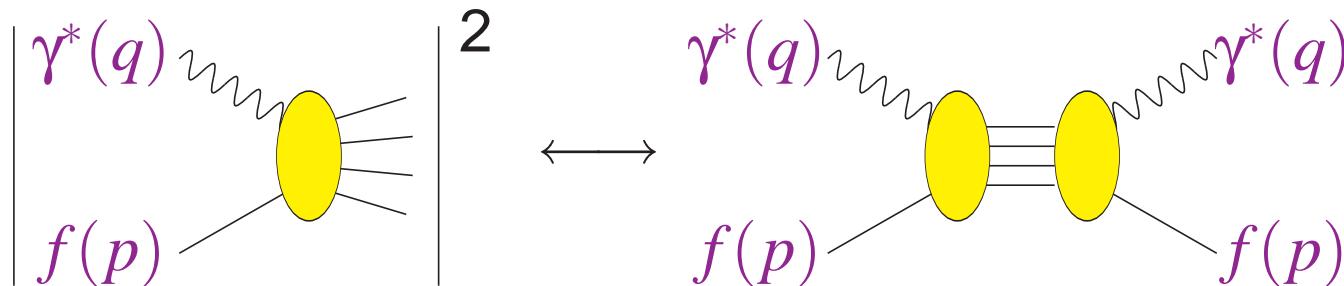
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Our calculation - up to N^3LO ($\sim \alpha_s^3$) for the coefficient functions .

Optical theorem

- The hadronic tensor is related to the imaginary part of the forward Compton scattering amplitude
- α_s^3 calculation in DIS with help of **loop technology**



$$W_{\mu\nu}(p, q) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Im} T_{\mu\nu}(p, q)$$

- Calculation of Mellin moments

$$F^N(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} F(x, Q^2)$$

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- leading twist matrix elements $A_{P,N}^i$ of parton operators O^i , $i = \text{ns, q, g}$

Operator basis

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Method of projection

Gorishnii, Larin, Tkachev '83; Gorishnii, Larin '87

- Operator product expansion → Green functions with internal partons

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{q} \\ \text{p} \end{array} \right] + \dots + \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{q} \\ \text{p} \\ \text{q} \\ \text{p} \end{array} \right] + \dots + \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{q} \\ \text{p} \\ \text{q} \\ \text{p} \\ \text{q} \\ \text{p} \end{array} \right] + \dots$$
$$= \sum_N \left(\frac{1}{2x} \right)^N \left\{ C_{i,q}^N Z^{qq} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{q} \\ \text{p} \end{array} \right] + \dots \right\}$$

- Operator projects out N -th moment

$$\mathcal{P}_N \equiv \left[\frac{q^{\{\mu_1 \dots q^{\mu_N}\}}}{N!} \frac{\partial^N}{\partial p^{\mu_1} \dots \partial p^{\mu_N}} \right] \Big|_{p=0}$$

- Projection $\mathcal{P}_N \Rightarrow$

- only tree level operator matrix elements survive
- method needs dimensional regularization $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

$$\mathcal{P}_N \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{q} \\ \text{i} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{s} \\ \text{j} \end{array} + \dots \right] = C_{i,q}^N Z^{qq}.$$



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What does MINCER do?

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Feynman diag's into MINCER

Method of projection in pictures

- Identify scalar topologies
- Scalar diagram with external momenta P and Q

$$\text{Scalar diagram with external momenta } P \text{ and } Q = \int \prod_n^3 d^D l_n \frac{1}{(P - l_1)^2} \frac{1}{l_1^2 \dots l_8^2}$$

- N -th moment:
→ coefficient of $(2P \cdot Q)^N$

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- Taylor expansion

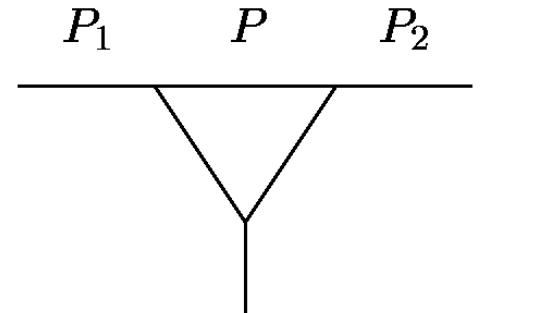
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- Feed scalar two-point functions in MINCER

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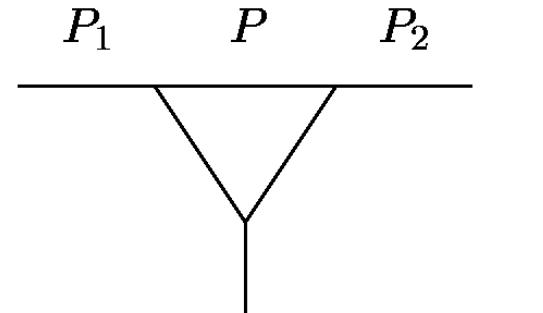
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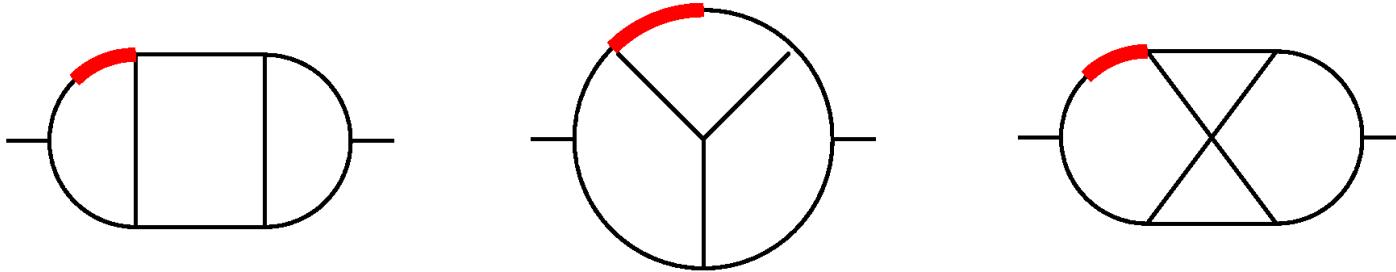
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$$\text{Diagram A} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\text{Diagram B} - \text{Diagram C} \right]$$

The diagrammatic equation shows a large circle (Diagram A) with four external lines labeled 1, 2, 3, 4 around its perimeter, and a small circle inside labeled 5. This is equated to one over epsilon times the difference between two smaller diagrams: Diagram B, which has a single internal line connecting the top and bottom of the large circle, and Diagram C, which has two separate circles connected by a horizontal line.

Classification of loop integrals

- Classify according to topology of underlying two-point function
 - top-level topology types ladder, benz, non-planar



- Using **IBP** identities more complicated topologies are reduced to simpler topologies

Renormalization - a subtle point for F_3

Larin, Vermaseren '91

- γ^5 with the Larin prescription

$$\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 = i \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \gamma^\tau$$

- Violates the axial Ward identity. To be restored by an additional renormalization Z_A : (in \overline{MS})

$$Z_A = 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[\frac{22}{3} C_A C_F - \frac{4}{3} C_F n_f \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

- The treatment of γ^5 in $D = 4 - 2\varepsilon$ introduces an extra finite renormalization with Z_5 . It is derived in \overline{MS} from

$$(R_{\overline{MS}} V_\mu) \gamma_5 = Z_5 (R_{\overline{MS}} A_\mu),$$

$R_{\overline{MS}}$ - denotes renorm. operator in \overline{MS} to remove UV divergencies

$$Z_5 = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{\pi} C_F + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[22 C_F^2 - \frac{107}{9} C_A C_F + \frac{2}{9} C_F n_f \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

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- Sum rules calculations in DIS
 - ▲ Gross - Llewellyn Smith sum rule and Bjorken sum rule [Larin, Vermaseren,91]

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▲ Adler sum rule, Gottfried sum rule [Broadhurst, Kataev, Maxwell’04]
Conjecture of colour coefficients of coefficient functions “even” - “odd”
Difference $\sim (C_F - C_A/2)$ subleading color

Example results

Preliminary

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$$- 1439/50 * \zeta_4 - 185929/2250 * \zeta_3)$$

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where

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$$\frac{1}{8} \gamma_{uni}^{(1)}(j+2) = (S_3 + \bar{S}_{-3}) - 2\bar{S}_{-2,1} + 2S_1(S_2 + \bar{S}_{-2}), \quad (11)$$

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and $S_a \equiv S_a(j)$, $S_{a,b} \equiv S_{a,b}(j)$, $S_{a,b,c} \equiv S_{a,b,c}(j)$ are harmonic sums

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- also checked by all orders proposal of
Eden, Staudacher hep-th/0603157

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